

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 were pending.

Claims 9-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because it was asserted that the claimed inventions were directed to non-statutory subject matter or were informal. In response, claims 9, 10, and 16 were amended, as illustrated.

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for early notice of allowance of claims 1-8 and 17-21.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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